

14 FAM 750 MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE (MPS)

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(Office of Origin: A/LM)*

14 FAM 751 POLICY FOR MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE (MPS) AT POSTS ABROAD

14 FAM 751.1 What Is the Military Postal Service (MPS)?

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- a. The military postal service (MPS) is an extension of the United States Postal Service (USPS) beyond the boundaries of U.S. sovereignty. It provides full postal services, as nearly as practicable, for DOD personnel abroad where there is no USPS available. See DOD Postal Manual 4525.6-M.
- b. The Military Postal Service Agency (MPSA) provides military postal policy and procedural guidance to military post offices. The U.S. Armed Services establish postal services abroad based on the needs of the DOD and their Service branches.
- c. A listing of military ZIP codes, including those in use at U.S. embassies and consulates, is located on the DPM Web site.

14 FAM 751.2 How Do I Get MPS at My Post?

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- a. Posts may not request new service from the MPSA for a military post office. A/LM/PMP/DPM serves as liaison with MPSA and is posts' only contact regarding this service.
- b. Where applicable, use of the MPS by the Department and other agencies at posts abroad is a privilege and not a right. Such use is established by an interagency memorandum of understanding between the Department and DOD. Use of the MPS is governed by DOD under their policies and regulations.

14 FAM 751.3 Items Transported by the MPS

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- a. **Personal mail:** Where available, MPS is the primary method for transporting personal mail of authorized users employed by the Department.
- b. **Personal effects:** It is the Department's policy to transport household effects and unaccompanied baggage through commercial shipping companies under contract to the Department. Authorized personnel may use the military postal service (MPS) to ship or receive limited quantities of unprohibited foodstuffs, not to exceed the bulk shipment limit; see 14 FAM 742.4-2, paragraph c.
- c. **Official mail:** It is the Department's policy to transport all official mail through the diplomatic pouch.
- d. **Official supplies:** It is the Department's policy to transport official supplies through the Department's Despatch Agency system.

14 FAM 752 RESPONSIBILITY FOR MILITARY POSTAL SERVICE (MPS)

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DOD, through MPSA and the designated theater postal command, provides MPS functional direction, management oversight, and postal inspection and assistance to all assigned military post office personnel. The responsible DOD theater component postal command either assigns a postal-qualified military or civilian member as the postal clerk, or formally appoints a senior U.S. military officer as the DOD postal officer, to formally supervise the military post office and all its assigned postal personnel, and to have responsibility for associated DOD postal operations.

14 FAM 753 PROCEDURES FOR MPS

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DOD Manual 4525.6-M, DOD Postal Manual, implements MPS policies. USPS regulations and policies applicable to the MPS are documented in the USPS-DOD Postal Agreement, the USPS Domestic Mail Manual, and the DOD-Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) Agreement.

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